



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 5392

Takeki SHIRAI et al.

Art Unit: 3682

Application No.: 10/090,734

Examiner: Hannon, Thomas R.

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 027905-00002

For: BALL CHAIN

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 23, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for 3 months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 2, 2006, from June 2, 2006 to September 2, 2006. Attached is our check in the amount of \$1,020.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 027905-00002.**

Respectfully submitted,

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